GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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EPIDEMIC PLAGUE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government constituted a Committee to study the genome of the carriers of plague epidemic;

(b) if so, the details of the report submitted by the Committee; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) Government of India constituted a Technical Advisory Committee on plague in 1994. The committee, in its report presented molecular characterisation and genomics of Yersinia pestis isolates from Surat and Beed. Detailed DNA sequencing and genomic fingerprinting has been done by Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), HyderabadA genomic Committee constituted recently by the Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research invited proposals on various diseases, including plague.Further genomic work on plague will proceed through this present genomic initiative.